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Sen. Hammerstrom announces grant for Sterns Road in Monroe County

LANSING – State Senator Beverly S. Hammerstrom, R-Temperance, today announced that a grant totaling \$294,000 has been awarded to Monroe County from the Michigan Department of Transportation.

MDOT selected Sterns Road to receive a Category F grant from its Transportation Economic Development Fund. Category F grants are made available to urban areas in rural counties in an effort to expand and preserve the secondary all-season road network.

“I am pleased to share this news with the residents of Monroe County,” Hammerstrom said. “This funding comes at a critical time when local government budgets are being tightened.”

The Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) was created to assist in the funding of highway, road, and street projects necessary to support economic growth. The TEDF provides for the distribution of money to counties and municipalities through three formulas and two grant programs. During its first 10 years of operation, 1988 to 1998, the TEDF invested more than \$800 million in road improvement projects across the state.

The fund, which is administered by the Transportation Economic Development and Enhancement Office, helps state government, local agencies and businesses work together to meet the extensive and urgent demands placed upon the transportation system by economic development throughout the state.

“Monroe County has seen great growth in the past few years and these dollars will enable the county to make improvements to Sterns Road, which serves as a major access point to the area,” Hammerstrom said. “This is a great example of how we can work together to help the people of Monroe County.”

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